

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application. Claims 1-19 have been rejected. Claims 20-27 have been allowed. By this amendment, claims 1-19 have been cancelled. Therefore this application should be in condition for allowance.

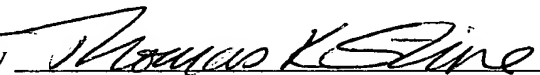
Applicants note the Draftperson's objection to the drawings. Corrected drawings are submitted herewith.

The applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form or procedure in an effort to advance this application to allowance, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,

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